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Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director  
State Board of Health  
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

We need your help.

The Department of Social and Health Services has been directed by the Legislature to establish performance measures for improved children's health outcomes. We will be working with other state agencies, health plans, local public health officials, pediatricians and other children's health-care providers, family practitioners, parents, advocates and other purchasers. The idea is to link the quality improvement measures we devise to future targeted vendor rate increases for pediatric care providers.

That is why DSHS is seeking your help. We need organizations like yours to appoint representatives to our workgroup. **We plan to begin meeting in May and we will conclude the job in November. Under the legislation, we must report to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2007.**

I hope you are able to participate. The legislation supports pediatric providers as well as the health outcome goals we all want for the children of our state. It also gives the state a leg up toward achieving Governor Gregoire's goals of covering all children by 2010. And it will help us improve the overall quality of care our children receive.

Please send us the name or names of your nominees to Debbie Meyer at [meyerdr@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:meyerdr@dshs.wa.gov). If you have any questions about our planning or this legislation, please call MaryAnne Lindeblad at 360-725-1786.

Sincerely,

Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary  
Health and Recovery Services Administration